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1. Anti-aircraft artillery boats on the Danube. A new strong point (Stützpunkt) of the Hungarian Danube Flotilla is under construction some 4 km. west of Gönyű (Y 55), where the small Danube arm branches off the main arm. Work was started in 1951, when the wooden barracks for the accommodation of troops, material, and ammunition were built.
2. This strong point will be equipped with the new anti-aircraft artillery boats. These will be built of wood (against floating mines) according to Soviet blueprints at Komarno. ¹ The boats will be similar to a large pontoon and will carry a 37 mm. AA gun as well as a 12.7 mm. AA machine gun.
3. Task of these boats will be to protect shipping, in case of war, at points where there is a change in tugs. All main tug-changing stations will be provided with these strong points.
4. Crews for these boats will be trained by AAA forces and the first units are scheduled to be set up this summer.
5. Technical training for the Danube Flotilla personnel.

In early March 1952, Danube Flotilla personnel were seen training at Héros Island (Budapest South) on the training ground of the Hungarian Army Engineers, with barges with a loading capacity of 6-8 freight cars. They were training in building bridges across the Danube arm in front of the training camp. ²

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6. AVH control station at Nagybjacs (Y 45).

A new AVH navigation control station was recently set up at the eastern corner of the Nagybjacs Island, north of Győr. The task of this station is to control the west bound Danube traffic, investigate ships and check the crews leaving the country. (Presumably counter espionage measures).³

7. Building of a new hydro-electric power station on the Danube.

A new hydro-electric power station is to be built on the Danube at the western corner of Szentendre Island north-west of Budapest. It is scheduled to be ready in three years time and will be the largest hydro-electric power station in Hungary. Excavations and the delivery of material are already in progress.

 Comments.

1. It is known that the shipyard at Komarno, Czechoslovakia, has been building these AAA boats for some time.
2. This is an indication that bridge-building troops can be replaced or strenthened by personnel and units of the flotilla if needed.
3. It is believed that the station's main task is to make sure that the ships leaving the country do not carry escapees. Ships entering Hungary are checked by the AVH at Rajka as well as at Szob where crews' papers are inspected. Even sailors who have been on this run for 20 to 30 years still have to produce their papers for inspection on each trip.

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